THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The specific inclusion of any sports discipline in the 1990 Asian Games to be held in Beijing is to be taken up by the concerned National Olympic Committee i.e., the Indian Olympic Association in the case of India. As a result of efforts made, Kabaddi has been approved by the Olympic Council of Asia for Asian Games generally. However, the inclusion of a particular sports discipline in any given Asian Games, such as the XI Asian Games to be held in Beijing, is the prerogative of the host organisation, which selects the final list of Games from amongst the games having general approval of the Olympic Council of Asia. Both the Olympic Council of Asia and the Indian Olympic Association have requested the XI Asian Games Organising Committee to include Kabaddi as one of the games in the XI Asian Games.

Working women's hostel

*211. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up 300 working women's hostels in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. 300 additional Working Women's Hostels are proposed to be started during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period.

(b) Under the Scheme, assistance is provided to the extent of 50 per cent of the cost of land and 75 per cent of the cost of construction of the building. Assistance is also available for purchase of buildings excluding furniture and fixtures.

Representation against irregularities in salt transportation by Railways

*212. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from Gujarat Salt Federation regarding inrregularities and corrupt practices in salt transportation by Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to prevent the corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Gujarat Salt Federation have alleged that BOX wagons of salt booked from stations in Gujart are being overloaded.

(c) Vigilance Department has been asked to conduct checks.

National fitness corps

*213. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was the National Fitness Corps started and when was it wounded up;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have been incurring expenditure for it even after it was wounded up; and